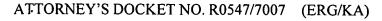
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement (paper 8)-mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 30, 2000, Applicants elect Group I, drawn to "methods of use," and elect species (g) "a method for increasing blood flow" Claims 167-204, 213-216 (and not Claims 205-206 as designated by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement), for further prosecution on the merits.

REMARKS

In the event that the elected species (g) claims are found allowable, Applicant's respectfully request that the examiner rejoin the non-elected claims of species (a) - (f) and (h) for further prosecution in this application.

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